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Conservation of Forts
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data base on major works carried out at various forts to develop them as tourist attractions of international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Chittorgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer, Ranthambhore, Gargaon, Amber and Vellore forts;

(c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years, fort- wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to carry out the dredging of the Vellore Moat and use it for boating in order to boost tourism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Conservation work of protected monuments including forts is a continuous process where essential repair and development works are attended regularly depending upon the availability of resources and needs at the particular site. The Gargaon and Amber Forts are not the protected monuments of the ASI.

(c) The details of funds allocated/expenditure incurred for conservation of indicated protected forts, during the last three years are as under:-

S. No. Name of Protected Fort Allocation /Expenditure
(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)
2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
1. Chittorgarh fort 37.26 176.73 254.14
2. Kumbhalgarh fort 23.89 19.51 79.73
3. Jaisalmer fort 1.38 5.57 34.78
4. Ranthambhore fort 31.99 117.72 189.37
5. Vellore fort 6.82 55.75 52.29

(d) & (e) At present, there is no such proposal.